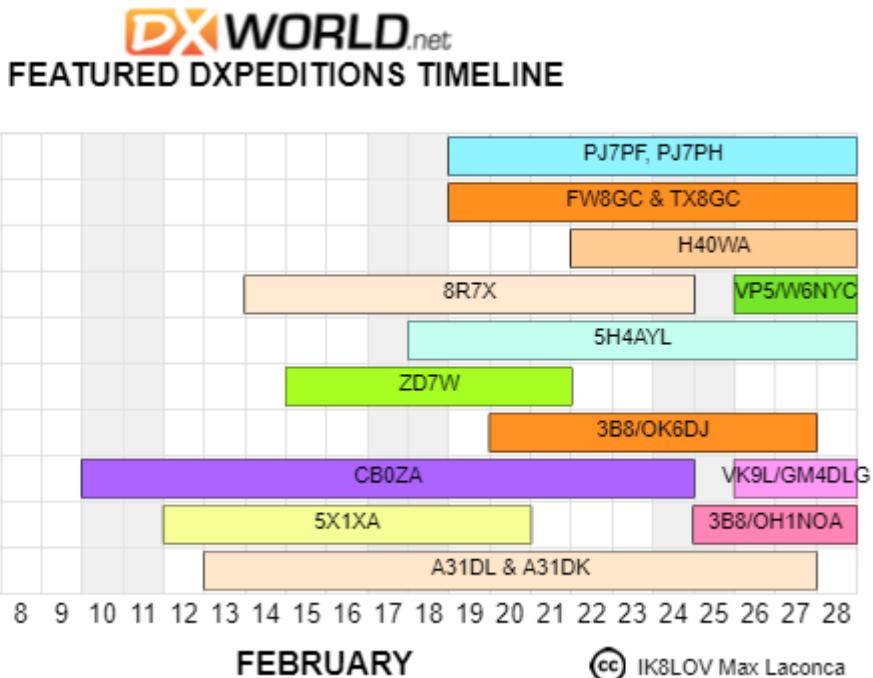




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DXCC timeline



DX NEWS

CY9C ST Paul Island –update

Planning continues to go well for the CY9C DXpedition scheduled for August 26 – September 5, 2024. The team will be active on 160-6 meters including satellite and EME. The team plans to employ two helicopters to help facilitate the transporting of all of the gear and team members. One of the two helicopters will be used for heavy lifting and will be deployed before the DXpedition to transport the heavier items to the island. All operations will be from the Northeast Island of St Paul. This island has a small footprint and has no trees. There are no docking facilities on the island and the rocks surrounding the island present a significant challenge for a boat. The cost for this DXpedition is very significant and donations are welcome and appreciated. Donations can be made through our website <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy9c/>

8R7X Guyana –update February 22

The team have doubled their QSO target and now stand at over 62K QSOs. Congratulations to them!



T32EU Eastern Kiribati –update

Operating frequencies

Please listen always to the instructions of the operators !

	CW	SSB	RTTY	FT8
160m	1.822,5	-	-	1.839
80m	3.533	3.805	-	3.570
60m	5.354	-	-	5.356
40m	7.002	7.092 / 7.192	7.047	7.056
30m	10.102	-	10.147	10.133
20m	14.033	14.210	14.095	14.095
17m	18.085	18.150	18.106	18.097
15m	21.033	21.275	21.095	21.095
12m	24.905	24.975	24.925	24.925
10m	28.033	28.465	28.110	28.095
6m	50.105	50.125	-	50.313

These are our new planned frequencies according to different regions' band plans and they are subject to change depending on the current band situation.

We will only operate one station per band at same time.

The MSHV program (up to 6 slots) is used for FT8 on the announced frequencies. We as DXP (fox) will not use the F/H mode and may also use the normal FT8 frequencies later.

All hunters can call us in normal mode with locator/grid and stay on their frequency even for answering. **Please do not call us on our transmission frequencies!**

All FT8 stations are manned. This enables an optimal selection of callers, e. G. for weak station. The QSO will be logged on our side once we send RR73 or 73.

We try to upload our log daily. If in doubt, please work us again. No log corrections during the expedition.

A31DK and A31DL Tonga –update

As you know, we have had problems and challenges at A31DL. After 5 days of analyzing these problems and looking for ways to solve them, we can say that all the problems we know about have been resolved. We now have two fully functional stations with KPA500 Amps. Here are more details for those interested..... <https://www.dx-world.net/a31dk-a31dl-tonga/>

On the scene...CB0ZA/CB0ZW Juan Fernandez



DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

VK and ZL travels by GM4DLG

Look for Bob, GM4DLG active from the following locations until March 9:

ZL1 – North

ZL4 – South

VK9L – Lord Howe Island

VK7 – Tasmania

QRV on SSB only (100w) 20-40-80m using 2-element vertical arrays for each band next to the

water.

3D2, A3 and 5W tour

Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL are active from Fiji, Tonga and Samoa. Activity from Tokelau is postponed for the end of 2024 or beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!

3D2 FIJI: February 27 to March 1

3D2AD (YT1AD)
3D2AB (YU3AA)
3D2LY (UA9OLY)
3D2RC (RC9O)
5W0RC (RC9O)

A3 TONGA: February 20-27

A35AD (YT1AD)
A35AA (YU3AA)
A35LY (UA9OLY)
A35RC (RC9O)

<http://www.yt1ad.info/pac24/>

C6, BAHAMAS

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS

Far-travelled Rudi, DK7PE has been active for the past 2 days from the Bahamas. QRV on CW only as DK7PE/C6A; bands so far QRV have been 10, 30 & 60m. Length of stay unknown. Watch his webpage for updates.

'It's a part time operation from the Bahamas and later this week from Turks and Caicos.

Occasionally I will be on the radio in CW. I use an IC7000 and wire antennas. With the help of some local HAMs we, Petra and me, found an ideal place to operate from. Enough space for even a large DXpedition. No power lines above the ground.'

3B8, MAURITIUS Timo, OH1NA will be operating in 'holiday-style' as 3B8/call between February 25 and March 7. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via OH1NOA, LoTW.

3B8, MAURITIUS David, OK6DJ is operating as 3B8/call until February 27. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and FT8 using a vertical and dipole antenna. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Richard, HB9FHV is active as 3B9/call until February 28. Operation with a wire antenna from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via QRZ.com information.

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

5R, MADAGASCAR Borut, S53BV is operating as 5R8BV from Nosy Be Island until March 3. Activity on 80 and 40 meter using CW and SSB. Activity in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call, Club Log.

5X, UGANDA Dick, W6TK is active as 5X2G until February 29. Operation on HF using CW, FT4/FT8. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included.

6W, SENEGAL Once again, Willy ON4AVT is active as 6W7/call from Warang until April 13. Operation during his spare time mostly on 40 meter and higher using SSB. During his afternoon between 14:00 and 15:00 UTC depending the propagation is the best chance. During his evening mostly on 40 and 30 meter. QSL via OQRS, LoTW.

8R, GUYANA "Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old" (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) are active from Guyana until February 24 as 8R7X. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they "want to encourage the next generation of DXpeditioners". NCDXF wants also "to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip". <https://8r-2024.com/>

A3, TONGA Pacific travellers W7YAQ, Bob and K7AR, Al are active from the Nukuma'amu Cottages in Nuku'Alofa, Tonga until February 27 as A31DK and A31DL. We will use our usual Elecraft K line stations. Antennas include a DX Commander Expedition Model, Butternut HF9V vertical and an inverted L for 160. We also use a pennant loop receive antenna for the low bands. We will be active in the ARRL CW Contest as a multi single effort. Logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or K7AR.

CN, MOROCCO Michel, F5LRL is once again operating as CN2DX from near Kenitra until February 24. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 during his spare time. QSL via home call.

FG, GUADELOUPE Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV are active as TO3Z (contest) until March 17. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 2-3) is included. Outside the contest they operate in 'holiday-style' as FG/calls. QSL via F6HMQ.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Starting soon, and lasting until approx May, look for Alain FK/FO4AE and Patricia FK/FO4EF to be active sporadically from Noumea, New Caledonia. QRV on HF bands from the QTH of FK8IK. QSL via LoTW. Visit FO4EF blog [here](#).

FM, MARTINIQUE Look for Francis FM/F6BWJ until mid-March. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call and LoTW.

On the scene...3B8/OK6DJ Mauritius



FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA Geri, DK5KW will be QRV as TX0QRP from Tahiti between February 28 and March 3. QRP activity with 3 Watts using mainly CW and perhaps some FT8. QSL via home call.

FR, REUNION Thierry, FY4JI is active as FR4AV until March 11. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via EA5GL.

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ are active as FW8GC and TX8GC until March 9. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://www.c21gc.com/>

H40, TEMOTU The Intrepid DX Group has released their next Dxpedition to Temotu Province as H40WA between February 22 and March 7. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://intrepid-dx.com/h40wa/>

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC is once again QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village until end April. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN Rene, DL2JRM is active as HB0/call until February 26. Operation on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL goes automatically via bureau.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until March 21. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau.

J5, GUINEA BISSAU Livio, IZ3BUR again showed on air as J52EC from Cumura school, Guinea-Bissau. Length of stay unknown, however check 10m SSB (usually below 28500) in the coming

days. QSL via IZ3BUR (direct only).

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take JG8NQJ/JD1 is again active from Minami Torishima until mid-April. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

KH9, WAKE ISL Last active in May 2021, Tom NL7RR has been QRV on/off from Wake Island since early-February. He is a contractor working on the island and is active when time permits for the next 2 weeks or so. Activity on 40-20-10m SSB. QSL via AL7JX, LoTW.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as PJ5/call until March 3. Activity on HF and in contests with the call PJ5Z. QSL via Club Log. <https://pj5-2024.dxpeditions.org/>

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Paul DM2PF and Fabian DM7HB are active in 'holiday-style' as PJ7/calls. Operation until February 28 with 100W and a triple leg ground-plane antenna.

'After finishing university, my friend Paul DM2PF and myself DM7HB will go on holiday. One stop will be Sint Maarten in the Caribbean PJ7. There we'll do a 'DX-Holiday' and we'll bring a 100W radio and a triple leg ground-plane antenna for 10/15/20m. We will be there from the 19th to the 28th of February. We'll try to get a proper PJ7 license but maybe we will just be active using the CEPT license as PJ7/DM7HB and PJ7/DM2PF respectively.'

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Gary, KC9EE is again QRV as PJ7EE until March 6. Operation in 'holiday-style' using primarily CW. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest is included. Time will also be spent trying to work smaller Asian stations and other difficult path entities on 10-20 meters. QSL via LoTW.

T8, PALAU Hiro, JH6GRY will be active as T88GF between February 27 and March 1. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL via home call, LoTW.

TR, GABON Look for Roland, F8EN (96 years old) again as TR8CR until the end of February. QRV on 30-10, CW. QSL via F6AJA.

TU, COTE D'IVOIRE Fabrizio, F4VUK is active for a few days as TU5NE. Operation mainly on 20 and 10 meter using SSB.

TZ, MALI Jeff, K1MMB is once again active from Bamako as TZ4AM. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. Also 6 meter with a beacon as TZ6HY/B, when the bands opens he will be QRV there. QSL via KX4R.



V3, BELIZE Uwe, DL8UD is active as V31KO until March 6. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

V4, ST KITTS Jeff, K1ZN (author of Nifty E-Z Guide to Adventures in DXing) will be active as V4/call during February 25 and March 4. Operation on various bands. QSL via home call.

V4, ST KITTS Once again, look for W5JON as V47JA until February 24 from Calypso Bay. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Frank, DL7ATA is on a road trip until March 23. Operation during his evening hours as V5/call using SSB. QSL via home call.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter DK2WH is active as V51WH until April. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT Thaire, W2APF is once again active as VP2MDX until April 11. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, End-fed for 40M. QSL via home call, LoTW.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS Recently active from New Providence Island in the Bahamas, Rudi DK7PE moves on today to Turks & Caicos. Look for VP5/DK7PE on CW. After VP5 he will travel to Anguilla VP2E.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS Henry W6NYC will once again be active as VP5/W6NYC during February 26 and March 1. QRV mainly on 40 and 20 meter using FT8 with some SSB (using an IC-705, AH-705 tuner, and a few wires antennas). QSL via LoTW.

XU, CAMBODIA Look for Tanemura JG2GFX as XU7AKW. Operation on HF. Length of stay unknown. QSL via home call direct or bureau.

Z3, MACEDONIA Al, DJ0LZ will be QRV as Z36T during February 25 and March 25.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Gerry, W1VE is operating as ZF2VE until February 27. Operation during the CQWW 160 meter SSB contest. QSL via LoTW.

Coming up soon

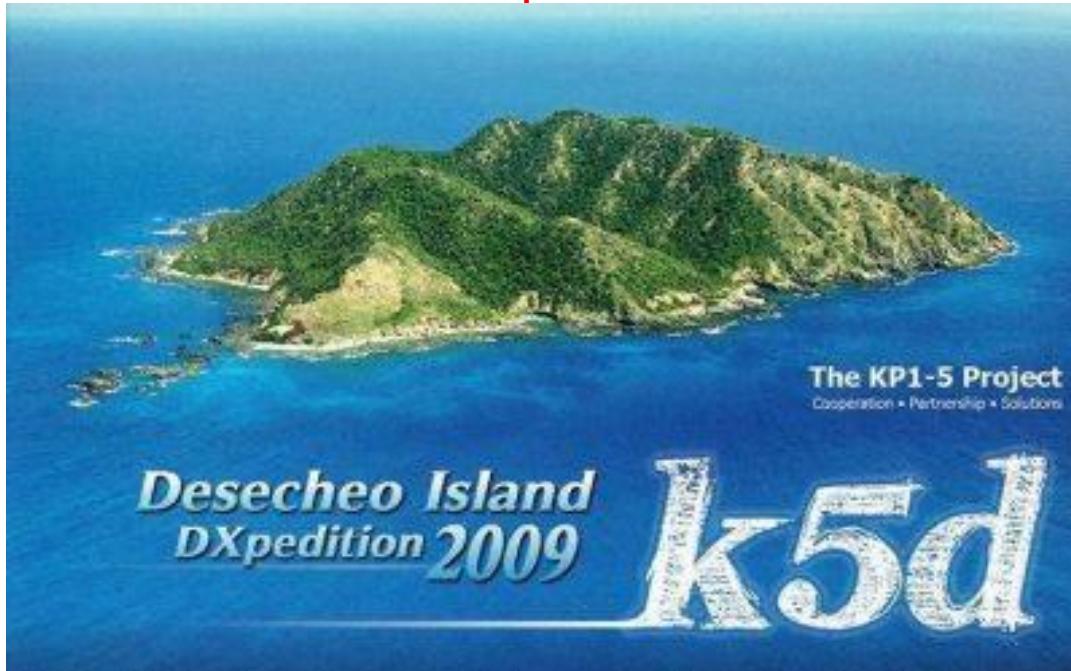
CO, CUBA During February 29- March 4, the Havana Contest Group and 7163 Group will operate the special callsign T42T during the ARRL International DX Contest from outside of Havana, Cuba. The team will consist of six Cuban and an equal number of USA operators. They will operate on 160 thru 6 meters before, during and after the contest. QSL via WB2REM.

J3, GRENADA A team of Belgian low band DXers with Franky ON7RU, Marc ON4MA, Marc ON6CC, Pascal ONRA, Patrick ON4HIL and Karel ON5TN will be QRV during March 4-16. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. <https://rockall.be/>

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA between March 2 and March 10. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log QRSS.

V4, ST KITTS Greg, WB8IZM will be operating as V4/call between March 5 and March 15. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

Back in time...K5D Desecheo Island 2009 operation



IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-063 Pemba Isl Sysa, OM4AYL is active from Pemba island as 5H4AYL until February 28, 2024. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW, FT8 and SSB. QSL via home call, OQRS.

AF-090 Sainte-Marie Isl Eric, F6ICX is once again operating as 5R8IC until end March. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mainly CW and QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW or home call.

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take JS6RRR is operating as JI3DST/6, JJ5BRH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until April 1.

Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. The various calls are mentioned on different modes. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. QSL via QRZ.com.

AS-153 West Bengal Isl In mid-February 2024, members of the Bengal Amateur Radio Society (BARS) plan to activate several islands in the IOTA AS-153 group. Islands include:

Ghoramara
Agnimari Char
Suparbhanga
Lothian
Jambudwip; New
Bulcherry

The team, comprised of 8 to 10 operators, will travel to each island and will use a special callsign on behalf of our club, most likely AT8BRS. However, we can also use individual callsigns for each operator along with the special callsign (e.g, AT8BRS/VU3XCR). This will help in identifying team members during the activations. More info to follow..

AS-199 Nachugunta Isl QRZ India DX Team, a passionate group of 15 experienced amateur radio enthusiasts, is thrilled to announce their upcoming IOTA re-activation on Nachugunta Island as AU2RS. Operation during February 23-25. Full info <https://www.vu2rs.com/AU2RS>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-079 Dry Tortugas Isl Look for N4T and W3NY during February 23-26. Operation from 80 to 2 meter using SSB and perhaps Satellite. In addition to POTA, the park is also a contact for Islands on the Air (IOTA) & (USI) and Lighthouses on the Air (ARLHS). Our plans are to activate both Garden Key as well as the Lighthouse on Loggerhead Key.

On the scene...5H4AYL Pemba Island AF-063



Coming up soon

ASIA

AS-122 Paengnyong Isl Ji, DS1TUW will once again be QRV as call/2 between February 29 and March 3. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8, depending the propagation. Club Log Live stream will be activated to avoid duplicates. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or home call.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-075 Gabriola Isl Mike, VE7ACN/7 will be QRV during February 29 and March 4. Operation

from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 (using a K3 + Expert 1.3K-FA Power: full legal pwr = 1 K). QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

ANTARCTIC BASES

Casey Station Previously active in 2018-2019 from Macquarie Island as VK0AI, operator Norbert VK5MQ is now QRV from Casey Station when time permits. Operation until early March. QSL via VK5MQ.

Davis Base Until November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts from an IC9700 using JT65A or Q65A-60 (or similar). He mentions that nothing is certain, and weather conditions and station duties will have precedent. David hopes to have LoTW up and running from Davis Station – updates to follow.

Neumayer III Felix, DL5XL is again QRV as DP1POL from the German research station "Neumayer III", Antarctica (AN-016) until early March. In his spare time he will operate mainly CW, with some digimode and SSB. QSL via LoTW, or via DL1ZBO; QSOs will also be uploaded to Club Log.

Vernadsky Research Base Andrii, UT3UTQ, currently signs EM1UTQ from the Ukrainian base Akademik Vernadskyi on Galindez Island. Serhii, UW5EHR, is also there and operates as EM1EHR. Both are members of the current Ukrainian Antarctic Expedition and will stay until the end of March.

Now QRT...DTOIP Anmyon Island AS-080



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE REMINDERS

4W, TIMOR LESTE Alan, VK2MET/VK1AO will once again be active as 4W/VK1AO from Dili during August 17-30. Operation mainly from 40 to 12 meter using CW and FT8 in QRP power. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log.

5H, TANZANIA Nobby, G0VJG will be operating as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar between March 8-20. Operation on HF using mainly SSB and FT8. An entry in the BERU contest is included. QSL via MOOXO.

5N, NIGERIA The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

6O, SOMALIA Team 6O3T will be operating sometime early 2024. Activity with a focus on the low bands and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

7P, LESOTHO The EIDXG team will after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now be operating as 7P8EI during March 20-29. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via MOOXO. More to follow.

8Q, MALDIVES Tev, TA1HZ will be operating as 8Q7HZ from Dharavandhoo Island between April 6 and April 15. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via LoTW.

8Q, MALDIVES Look for Mariusz, SP5MDB from Vaavu Atoll as 8Q7SQ (dates TBA). Activity on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

9U, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.



A5, BHUTAN Janusz SP9FIH / A52CI and SP6CIK / A52P will be active between April 19 and May 4. *'It is extremely difficult to find good QTH in Bhutan. The country is very mountainous with deep valleys surrounded by steep mountain ranges. Moreover, there is a high level of electromagnetic interference in the valleys.'*

We will stay high in Dochula Eco Retreat at about 3070m above sea level. Seems to be good open area short path to USA, Europe and Japan. However long path to North America will be through mountain range 3500m about 2 km from our hotel, so rather rely on a short path.'

CN, MOROCCO Yannick, F6FYD will be active as CN2YD from Marrakech, Morocco during March 10-23. Also plans to operate as CN2YD/p from AF-065 sometime during his stay. QSL via F6FYD.

CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9 during August 26 and September 5. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will once again be active as TO1Q from March 25 for 2 weeks. Operation on HF and 6 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

FH, MAYOTTE Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 29-31, April 5-7, April

12-14 and April 20-21. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

FH, MAYOTTE Ros 4Z5LA and Ruben 4Z5FI will be operating as TO5LA between March 28 and April 2. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via 4Z5FI.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ will be operating as FK/calls during March 10-19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://www.c21gc.com/>

FO0, AUSTRAL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 27 and April 3. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

FO0, AUSTRAL ISL Jeff K5WE and Craig W5CCP will be operating as TX7W from Raivavae between April 16 and April 30. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS or via K5WE. <https://k5we.com/tx7w/>

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Tino VE2GCE, Mark VA2MM, Malcolm VE2DDZ, Jonathan VA2XZA, John VE2YNI and Vlad VA2AN will be active as TO8FP during August 10-22. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, digi and sats. QSL via Club Log.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.

FR, REUNION ISL Dates still to be confirmed, but look for Giovanni IZ2DPX as TO7PX. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using SSB & FT8 using fishing rod antenna. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via IK2DUW.

FT/G GLORIOSO ISL Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL in the near future. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.

FT/X, KERGUELEN It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..



J6, ST LUCIA Seth, N4XTT will be active as J6/call during August 10-17. Operation on 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

'I am also planning to activate POTA reference J6-0001, which hasn't been activated yet. This will be a part time operation (holiday style) using a 100w radio and a DX-Commander Expedition 40-10m vertical. Bands and modes: 40-10M; CW, SSB & FT8/FT4. I'm a youth op and looking forward to having fun on the island!'

J8, ST VINCENT Kevin, W1DED will once again be active as J8NKI between March 25 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Look once again for JD1BQP between April 22 and May 3. Operation from 15 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.

JW, SVALBARD Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL between October 9-14. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest SSB is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active as JW8EKA between April 18-21. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Toshi, JH6HZH will be operating as KH0/call between April 24 and May 1.

Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON will again be operating as PJ2/call from March 11 until March 27. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DK5ON direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI A German team with DF4GV, DK2AMM, DL4SVA, DJ7TO, DL1KWK and DL2AWG will be active between March 12 and March 27. Operation 24/7 with 3 stations as T32EU. QSL via DL2AWG.

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be operating as T88UW between March 15-24. Operation mainly using FT8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log.

TY, BENIN Gerard F5NVF, Abdel 7X2TT and Luc F5RAV will be active as TY5C from Cotonou during March 2024. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. They are looking for support for the local radio club TY0HQ.

V4, ST KITTS BJ, WA7WJR will be operating as V4/call between July 8 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' with some Parks on the Air activations. QRV from 20 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL Bill, G0VDE informs DX-World that he will be active as VP6WR during September 5-15. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using vertical / wire antennas and PA. Modes: SSB & FT8, maybe some CW. QSL info to follow.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL Gerben, PG5M will be operating as VP6G between April 4 and April 14. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. If possible he will try to run 2 stations, primarily CW and additionally FT8. <https://dx.to/vp6g/>



YJ, VANUATU Luke VK3HJ, Alan VK6CQ, Matt K0BBC and Chris VK3QB will be active from Port Vila, Vanuatu on 40 through to 6 metres from 29 March until 11 April. For the first week their focus will be on SSB and CW, with FT8 as a 'back-fill' mode. The second week will be CW and FT8. Updates to follow here and Facebook plus DX-World.net.

YJ, VANUATU Look for a team led by N4VGE to be active as YJ0VV between October 16-30. An entry in several contests is included. *'There are openings in the group for three to four more hams and their spouses. We are expecting excellent spring propagation for making European and North American contacts. Of course, the location will bring an abundance of Asian contacts as well. Antennas we plan on taking and erecting include parasitic phased verticals, BuddiHex Hexbeam, 160 Cable Help long wire, and 40-80 meter G5RV long wires.'*

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is

CW. QSL via home call.

ZC4, CYPRUS SBA Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK between March 26 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX contest is included. QSL via home call.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30.

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

OCEANIA

OC-144 Mendanau Isl Irfan, YE4IJ will be operating as 7B4M during September 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using all modes.

OC-144 Ketawai Isl The Bangka Belitung DXpedition Team, signing as 7B4K, will be active from Ketawai Island, OC-144 (Bangka and Belitung Islands) during May 24-26. QRV on HF bands. Check QRZ.com entry for more info including QSL manager.



THE REMINDERS

EUROPE

EU-029 Lolland Isl A team of 8 Belgium operators will be active as 5P5LI during April 29 to May 5. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and Digi. Also active daily on 2m/70cm via ISS. QSL via ON6EF. No LoTW. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-056 Isla de la Juventud A group of 9 Cuban operators will be QRV as T44DX between March 21-25. Operation on HF and VHF using various modes and SAT's. QSL via RW6HS and LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-063 Mangareva Isl Bill, G0VDE will be operating as FO/call during September 17-21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL info to follow.

OC-261 Flinders Isl The team that activated VK5TIL last year is going to be active again this year from Flinders Island, South Australia, between April 14-21. 6 Operators (VK5GR, VK5PAS, VK5HS, VK5LA, VK5FR and VK5GA) will be running all modes from 160m-70cm, including both terrestrial and satellite modes. We will be participating in both the IOTA programs (OC-261) and the WWFF programs, with the main station located in VKFF-0175 and additional island portable activities also planned from the two other parks zone VKFF-1717 and VKFF-4307 while there.

The last IOTA activation from the island was by Craig VK5CE/P back in August 2013 so this has been dormant for some time now. We hope that the combination of IOTA and WWFF activity will be of interest not only domestically but globally as well. QSLs will be handled by M0OXO via his OQRS service. Cards and LoTW will be available at the appropriate times. We are also looking at

how we might use Club Log during the event as well.

If you would like to find out more, you can visit our [website](#). We will be adding further information as the project planning is completed. The team is looking forward to working everyone in April!

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-028 Ilha dos Buzios A team with PY4YY, PY4KM, PY2ITM, PY2AE and PS8RV will be active as ZZ2FF from Ilha dos Búzios during March 15-17. QRV on 80-40-20-15-10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via PY4YY.

J38R cases packed and ready



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

9K, KUWAIT **9K9NLD** is the special callsign for members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society to celebrate both Kuwait National Day (25 February) and Liberation Day (26 February). QSL via EC6DX. Also joining the celebrations are expected to be the Saudi Amateur Radio Society as **HZ1KWT** on 19-25 February; the Emirates Amateur Radio Society as **A60KWT** (QSL via EA7FTR) on 19-27 February; the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society as **A91KWT** (QSL via EC6DX) on 20-26 February. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA Celebrating the 95th anniversary of the first amateur radio association in Romania's Arad County, special callsigns **YR95AR**, **YR95CC**, **YR95CH**, **YR95IN**, **YR95LI**, **YR95PE** and **YR95SE** will be active from 16 February until 31 May. The event is being organised by C.S. Radioclub Admira (YO2KBQ), the successor of the club that was established almost a century ago. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR95AR> for more information. (TNX 42DX)

THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A67AA** to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA **9A100RKZ** is the special callsign celebrating the 100th anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

DL, GERMANY The following special event stations call attention to the formation of the German Radio Cartel, a first consortium of German broadcasting stations, 100 years ago: **DB100FK, DC100FK, DD100FK, DF100FK, DL100FK, DM100FK, DQ100FK, DR100FK, DM100MW**, and **DR100PE**. QRV from Jan. 1 until May 31 in 2024. Awards are also available, see: <https://100fk.de>. Confirmations will only be handled digitally: eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, DCL, and a downloadable "card". (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY **DP9GLHN** is the special callsign that members of DARC's Ortsverband Norderney will be using from 1 February to 31 December to mark the 150th anniversary since the Norderney Island (EU-047) lighthouse was put into service. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)



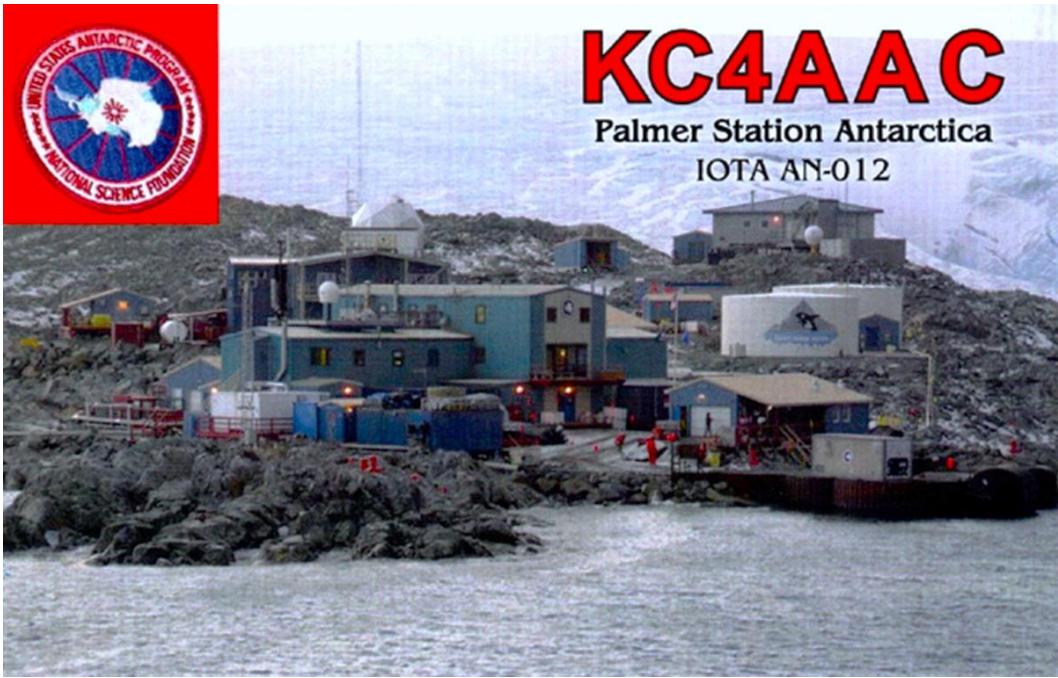
EA, SPAIN In celebration of World Radio Day (13 February) and the 100th anniversary of the start of regular radio broadcasting in Spain, special callsign **AO100RADIO** will be active on 1-29 February. This activity is taking place as part of the celebrations for the 75th Anniversary of the Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles, Spain's IARU member society. QSL via EA4URE (bureau preferred). (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN Commemorating the 44th anniversary of the 1980 referendum for autonomy and representing the provinces of Andalusia, eight special callsigns will be activated on 22-28 February: **AN44AL** (Almeria), **AN44CA** (Cadiz), **AN44CO** (Cordoba), **AN44GR** (Granada), **AN44HU** (Huelva), **AN44JA** (Jaen), **AN44MA** (Malaga), **AN44SE** (Sevilla). In addition, **AN44AND** will be active on 28 February (Andalusia Day). A number of certificates will be available. (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

EI, IRELAND Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Look for **TM21AAW** to be on air from 4 to 18 February. Activity is to celebrate the 21th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on <http://www.qrz.com/db/TM21AAW> Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his Qth of Mâcon, east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH). The new reference for WAP program is 353. Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters. QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 2 USD) or via Buro. (TNX DXNL) For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to www.waponline.it



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HB9, SWITZERLAND Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB20SP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20th anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)

HS, THAILAND Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand, RAST members will be active as **HS60RAST** from 10 February to 10 March. QSL via HS6MYW. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2024 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns each representing a "keyword" that summarizes and characterizes the content of a sentence from one of Guglielmo Marconi's many public speeches: II4TENC (January), II4INTU (February), II4SUCC (March), II4DETR (April), II4SEAS (May), II4RDFE (June), II4INNV (July), II4BFRE (August), II4OTSR (September), II4VISN (October), II4BTFU (November), II4FCGD (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special 16allsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ235IR** (February), **LZ543BN** (March and April), **LZ44IZ** (May and June), **LZ302IT** (July and August), **LZ1515IW** (September and October), and **LZ311PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE24BI** draws attention to Bad Ischl, European Capital of Culture 2024. QRV from January until the end of June. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE100RADIO** celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE40WO** celebrates the 40th anniversary of the club Wolfsberg ADL 084 until 4 April 2024. QSL via OE8XDX (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

ON, BELGIUM Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log.

<https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LOTW, Club Log and e-qsl.

SM, SWEDEN **SK100FRK** is the special callsign celebrating the 100 anniversary since Falu Radioklubb (SK4AO) was founded. Look for activity during 2024. A very special diploma will be available - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SK100FRK>. (TNX 42DX)

SM, SWEDEN **SK50B** is the special callsign for members of the Botkyrka Radioama- torer to celebrate their club's golden jubilee throughout 2024. The club was founded on 18 January 1974. QSL via the bureau to SK0HB. (TNX 42DX)

SM, SWEDEN Celebrating the Scandinavian CW Activity Group's 50th anniversary, special callsign **SC50AG** will be active during February. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY **TC6EQ** draws attention to the tragic earthquake one year ago and to the death of Mustafa, TA8DX. QRV during February. An award is also available: <https://tadx.org/awards>. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Islands On The Air programme, special

event callsign **VI60IOTA** will be in use across Australia during 2024: "whenever VI60IOTA is heard on the air", the organizers say, "it will be from one of the VK IOTA entities", including the main islands of Australia (OC-001) and Tasmania (OC- 007). QSOs will be made available for Club Log and LoTW Matching on the IOTA website; traditional QSLs via M0OXO's QRSS. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA **VI100MB** is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

VU, INDIA The special event callsign **AT3POG** is operated by Guru VU3GWN, Arvind VU3CIQ, Rajesh VU3TBU, and Shyam VU3UZD until March 31. (TNX DXNL)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>



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